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Cafeteria expansion

By Chad Wise
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The Saint Leo University dining hall recently opened its doors, figuratively and literally, to a new seating section on Monday, March 26. Overlooking Lake Jovita and the newly-filled-in bowl, there is now outside seating, complete with a canvas tent to protect the users from the elements. Not only does this new "expansion" give the cafeteria the ability to increase its capacity, from 350 to 400, it also allows students to take in the sunny Florida weather.

A fence was built around the area to keep out potential thieves, who would try to get into the cafeteria without paying or swiping his or her ID at the main entrance,. Because the only way to get to the outside seating is through a set of ex-fire escape doors, this was a major concern. The doors, however, are not conducive to students and faculty wanting to get to the outside area while holding food and drinks, not to mention the doors are heavy. A breeze can also be caused when the doors are opened, causing loose napkins and other belongings of attendees to scatter if one is in the vicinity of the doors.

There are 50 chairs outside, according to Director of Dining Services, Rich Vogel, with another 15 on the way, and a stand with mustard and ketchup, as opposed to the individual bottles placed on the tables inside the cafeteria. Another new addition caused by the opening of the outside seating is the need for a cafeteria employee to be stationed outside at all times. Whether he or she is reading a newspaper or watching people eat, the set of eyes is required to ensure that people do not abuse the "privilege" of being able to sit outside. It would not be difficult for a student or faculty member to pass food over the three-foot fence to a passer-by.

"I think [the outside seating is] a great idea," said senior, Konstantin Pyankov. "I like it, but I think it could have been done a lot sooner." Vogel stated that the materials – chairs, tables, and fencing – were ordered last year, but there had been a delay with the installation of the fencing and it was completed as soon as possible.

One of the complaints about the new seating area is the canvas tent. While standing above the cafeteria, it may obstruct the view of Lake Jovita. The cafeteria windows are almost as tall as the building itself and it could be argued that they were made that way because of the scenery. A complaint was also made that, though Saint Leo will surely raise the capacity of the cafeteria because of the extra tables and seats, it does not change the fact that the capacity inside the cafeteria is stated higher than what it should be. During peak dining hours it can be hard for students and faculty to find a place to sit.

"It gives the dining hall another dimension," said Vogel. "It is quieter outside and you can't beat the view of the lake while still being able to utilize all the options of the dining hall."

Outside seating at a dining hall sounds like a no-brainer at a Florida university, and now Saint Leo University has it. It does not have a name, though Vogel expects a contest in the near future to change that.

Fox crownded Alpha Phi Alpha's Ms. Black and Gold Pageant winner

The Rho Xi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. at Saint Leo University has hosted the Black and Gold scholarship pageant in previous years, but the show, which took place on Thursday, April 5, 2012 has not taken place since 2006. Pictured above is brother Justin Page crowning the 2012 winner, Nicholette Fox, as brother Ralph Alphonse presents her with flowers and a sash.

Kappa Alpha Psi and Sigma Sigma Sigma host fashion show

By Danielle Cortes
Staff Writer

Saint Leo University has been busy as of late, with end of the semester activities, guest speakers, and fundraisers, all hoping to make some sort of impact as students prepare to leave campus for the summer. On Thursday, April 5, the gentlemen of Kappa Alpha Psi and the ladies of Sigma Sigma Sigma hosted a fashion show fundraiser to raise money and get the students to have a good time showing off their greatest outfits.

Kappa Alpha Psi is an international fraternity and has always shown pride in their culture. The fashion show was a way for them to embrace their fraternity's culture and to raise money at the same time. The categories included: business attire, formal wear, tasteful beachwear, sportswear, cultural wear, and a mini competition for the title of "Miss Krimson & Kreme." The students had fun putting together their favorite outfits for each category. It was all in the name of good fun and the contestants all showed off their best attitudes as they strutted their stuff with pride.

All the ladies looked absolutely stunning in their outfits as they kept its respectful and classy. The men looked dashing as they made sure that every tie was perfect, and they had their own personal touch of style to each outfit. For each category one male and female would descend the steps of the Lion's Den in the Marmion Snyder residence hall, do a small catwalk, and head back up the stairs as the next couple entered. The participants who modeled showed great attitudes and gave the audience, and everyone working behind the scenes, a fun and funny show.

At the end of the night they had several ladies compete for the title of Miss Krimson & Kreme with sophomore, Chelsea Connolly, taking home the title. At the end of the show each lady that participated was awarded a certificate and rose to say "thank you" for their support and effort. It was wonderful to see alumni from Kappa Alpha Psi come and support their brothers as they participated in the modeling. The ladies from Sigma Sigma Sigma also enjoyed seeing the fellow sororities and fraternities come out and spend time with them.

Opinions

The question is, how do we elect the next Senate?

A new ballot system must be adopted by the end of the academic year, and is proving to be the Second Transitional Senate's most difficult challenge.

By Collin Good
Editor-in-Chief

Before this issue comes back from the printer, the Second Transitional Senate of the Student Government Union will discuss, and possibly adopt, a new system of election for the first true Senate, scheduled to sit after the dissolution of the current Senate on September 11.

As a political science student with a focus on civic engagement, as well as being one of the framers of the December constitution, I have proposed to the Senate a system of election that can stand the test of time, fully embodying the ideals set forth in the new document. This system has the potential to curb voter apathy, encourage the electorate, and create a true political system run by students. The only problem is getting it passed.

At the last Senate meeting on Apr. 4, one of the Senators raised the issue that if the Senators voting to adopt the system can't understand the inner complexities of the system, the matter shouldn't be adopted. The system being proposed not only isn't as complicated as it may appear, but makes the most sense of any ideas proposed to date.

When we, the students, decided to get serious about constitutional reform at the end of Spring 2011, we created the December constitution, named for the month it was ratified. This document created a new student government, based on the German Parliamentary model. We created the Senate in the style of the German Bundestag, and the Presidents' Council like the Bundesrat. To me, it makes sense to look at the practice of the German ballot system to find our solution. Why not utilize the already standing system that works for a system of government like ours?

> ***It's as simple as, "vote once in column A and once in column B."***

The proposition includes a modified two-tiered ballot, meaning that students vote twice, but only for one person and for one group. In column A, students elect one student from a list of stand-alone candidates, and in column B, select one group. The groups are comprised, for now, of classes, meaning that column B provides students to vote for their class to achieve a seat in the Senate to look out for their interests, while not being required to vote for a member of their class if they feel someone to be more qualified.

The reason behind this is simple: the constitution requires students to be elected at-large, so the idea of electing by class mandate is unavailable. It's unfair to say that a junior must run as a junior, but at the same time, a junior can run as a member of their class, rather than face the stand-alone ballot.

This ballot system works if a mandatory minimum clause is added to the election rules. If 25 stand-alone candidates run for 30 spots, the second ballot would be used to fill the vacant seats without the need for a second election. If 45 students run for 30 spots, those that don't receive a minimum number of votes (to be determined by the Senate), the second ballot would also be utilized.

It would be the task of the executive board to host nominating conventions in September for each class, where the members of the class that are interested in running, or those interested in seeing their class represented in Senate, to come and nominate a slate of candidates. If the sophomores win four of the remaining seats by the second ballot, they would pull from an already ranked list of members selected by their classmates, also eliminating the need for a second election or appointment.

This system has the potential to curb voter apathy, as the Senate has already allocated each organization an annual budget to utilize for events, making classes the primary focus. The Senate has not decided how to deal with the issue of class budgets, or who would oversee them. This system allows for the opportunity for the system to change if necessary, like the addition of political parties on the second ballot, or the possibility of overhang seats when the math doesn't quite work out.

This proposal is as simple as, "Vote once in column A and once in Column B." The complexities of how the Senate is filled by this ballot are already in practice, in a country where its residents are fearful of a government or an individual with too much power. This system is the perfect system for an electorate plagued by apathy, worried about an executive with too much power and a Senate that's too secret. Saint Leo should adopt this system, not because it's oversimplified or far too complicated, but because it works, and leaves the door open for potential changes to be made once it's in practice.

The author currently sits in the Second Transitional Senate.

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Opinions

Weighing in on Martin case

By Matthew Rodgers
Copy Editor

This is the second time this year that Florida has made national headlines with a high profile court case. Earlier this year, Florida was sorting out the Casey Anthony case and facing national scrutiny. Currently, the media is obsessed with the shooting of Fla. teenager, Trayvon Martin.

The case involves George Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch coordinator, and Trayvon Martin, and the shooting that occurred on Feb. 26. With this shooting, the nation seems to be divided into two camps, those who side with George Zimmerman's side of the story, which claims that Zimmerman was acting in self defense, while others claim that the shooting is a clear cut case of manslaughter.

George Zimmerman's account of the story, as revealed to the public through his father and brothers media statements, claims that he, while heading to the store, noticed a suspicious figure moving from house to house and decided to call 911. The 911 tape reveals that Zimmerman was pursuing the individual who he described as wearing a "hoodie", the 911 operator orders that Zimmerman stop chasing the individual , here it is unclear whether he stopped pursuing Martin and returned to his car, or continued his pursuit. What is known is that Martin approached Zimmerman, or Zimmerman approached Martin, and the two of them got into a confrontation which ended in the shooting of Martin.

Zimmerman shot Martin with a 9mm that he had a permit to carry, and his side of the story claims that he was on the ground being pummeled by Martin and after his calls for help were not heard he, as a last resort, he removed his 9mm from his pants waistline and shot Martin.

911 calls from witnesses do reveal that a voice is screaming for help. Martin's parents Tracy Martin and Sabrina Fulton, claim that it is Martin who is screaming for help, while Robert Zimmerman Jr., George Zimmerman's brother, claims that he knows for a fact that is the voice of his brother, as it sounds exactly like his. Sanford police are calling in the help of audio and voice analyst to determine who is calling for help, as well as to gather more evidence from the string of 911 calls that night.

This case has turned into a media circus, with each outlet putting its own individual spin on the events that occurred that night. The original picture of Trayvon Martin was a photo of him at 12 years old dressed in his football uniform, this of course is not an accurate photo of Martin as he was 17 years old at the time of the shooting, or the photo of him wearing gold teeth from his twitter account. There has also been the release of video of Zimmerman entering the police station. This video has come under severe media scrutiny with different people pointing out that in the video, which is blurry at best, that Zimmerman has neither visible wounds nor blood on him. However, it is possible that he could have received medical attention beforehand and surrendered his bloody clothing to the police for evidence. The truth of the circumstances surrounding this video, like the analysis of the audio recordings, will be revealed during the trial.

With how high profile this case is, celebrities are more than willing to offer their input (and often stick their foot in their mouth).The controversial film director, Spike Lee, in what could possibly be considered his most reactionary and misinformed decision, tweeted the address of what he believed to be the Zimmerman residence. The address actually belonged to the elderly McClain couple, and they were forced to flee to a hotel in fear for their safety. The McClains and Lee have settled out of court, and Lee has issued an official apology.

Protestors all across the United States are sporting hoodies and calling for the arrest of Zimmerman. There were also a protest where Fla. high school students walked out of school and looted a Walgreens, which we all know that looting is the most efficient way of protesting what is perceived as a flawed justice system. However, it is hard to blame people about their anxiety of this case, some perceive the crime as a hate crime, though others are quick to point out that Zimmerman was Hispanic, and also deeply involved in his community, tutoring black students, also his some of his friends, who are black, have come forward to state that Zimmerman is the least likely person they would suspect of perpetrating a hate crime.

Over all this case has opened up a dialogue on racial profiling, which is a positive thing, however, it is not even sure that Zimmerman was using racial profiling when he was pursuing Martin, as Martin was acting suspiciously by "seeking shelter" on other peoples property from the rain. It can also be pointed out that if someone has a persona of a suspicious person it could also be because they are acting suspicious regardless of race. In the end it is not for the media to decide if Zimmerman is guilty, but rather the court. And in my personal opinion it would do the entire nation good if the media avoided sensationalizing this case portraying it as a hate crime, simple manslaughter or self defense. Whatever, the ruling is, this case is sure to be historically significant, especially in regards to Florida's "Stand Your Ground" law, which is what Zimmerman claims that he was operating under when he shot Martin.

New endings and beginnings

By Danielle Cortes
Staff Writer

As the semester is wrapping up the biggest buzz on campus is still about all the construction. However, not everything about the construction is a complaint or concern. There are many students expressing the excitement as the new dorms will be opening soon. Many of the incoming freshman will not being seeing these for the first time until the campus tours over the summer and quite possibly not until they have moved in campus the beginning of next semester. While many of the students are still expressing their concerns of the campus constriction affecting parking, the noise disturbances others still like forward to the completion as it draws closer. "I cannot wait to walk through the halls and see this new building, and finally see the end product", says Nick Davis, sophomore. Many of the students who have just gotten their room assignments in the new dorms are already excited to be experiencing the newest rooms and furniture on campus. Many of the students are already planning on their new dorm room being the hang out spot, while others are planning the posters and decorations that will adorn their new home next semester.

I believe the students will be so happy to finally see the end product of all this construction on our beautiful campus. It has definitely been a problem noise wise and with the parking issues. Although there is still going to construction over the summer and even next semester; it is nice to still see something come out of all this a little sooner. I'm personally excited to come back on campus and walk through the halls of the new dorms and see how clean and sleek they look.

As I'm sure some students could agree, the new dorms opens up all new opportunities. Having the convenience of being closer to classes, the cafeteria, and the Student Activities Building is definitely a perk for those that like their sleep. For the students that are not used to purchasing their own televisions for their dorm now have one less expense as well. Although I'm sure some might still buy a smaller television for their personal room to still have their privacy and not worry about remote hogging.

For those graduating may not see the completion of the new dorms before they leave, it is something that they can look forward to seeing when they visit Saint Leo University again. Here is to the close end of another semester, and the beginning of new advances for Saint Leo University.

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Campus News

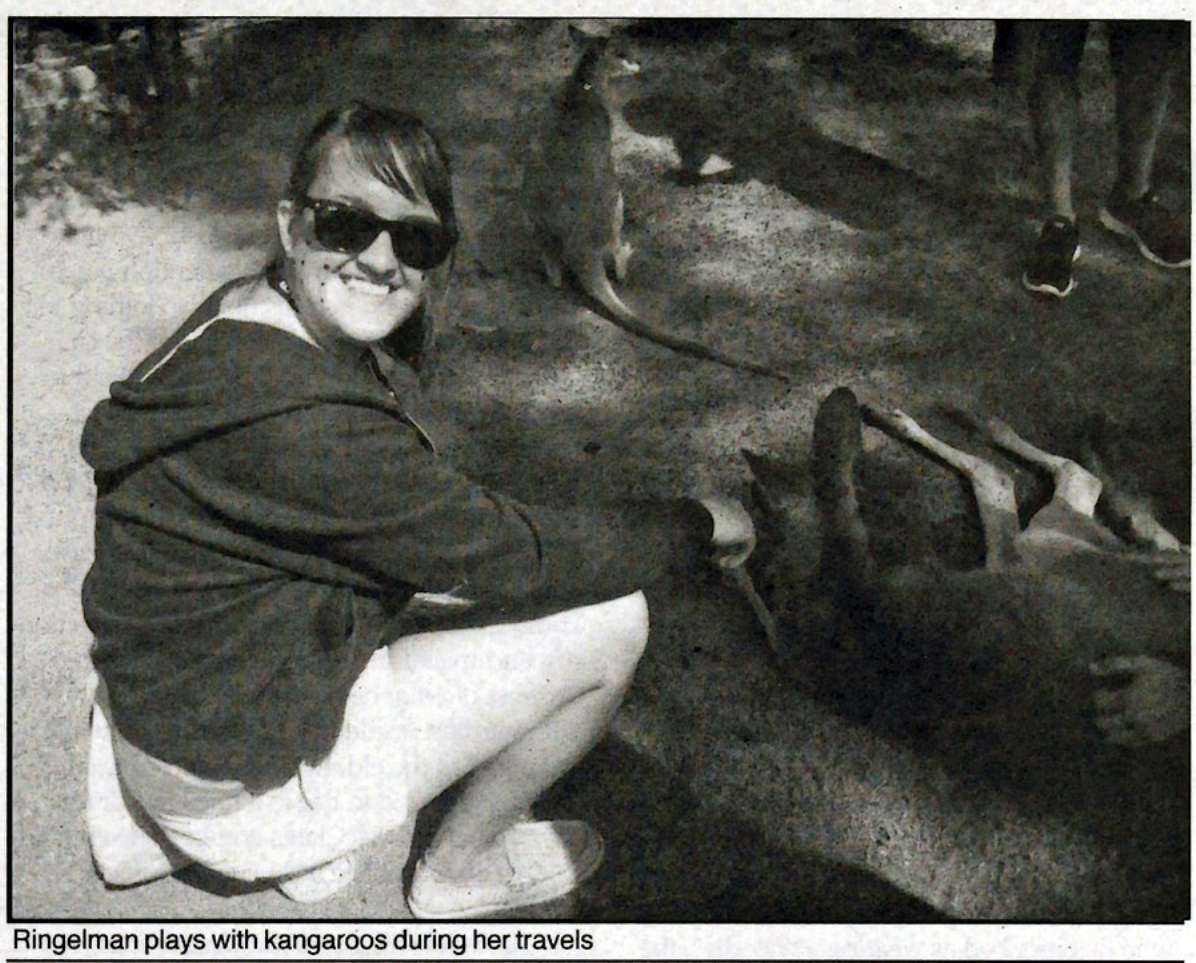
Students Share Experiences Studying Abroad

By Eric Bravo
Staff Writer

"I needed to see what was out there." Says Jordan Ringleman, a senior at Saint Leo who studied abroad in Australia last semester. Jordan lived her desire to see what was out there, seeing wonders like the Australian outback and Great Barrier Reef. She recounts her experience with enthusiasm, "You can buy Kangaroo at the store!"

When asked about her expectations of what Australia would be like she had this to say, "It was so much more different than I thought it be""They had to wear business suits everyday". The business suits were a part of the dress code policy of the Australian University Jordan attended. Although their attire projects a cold professionalism, Jordan describes the Australians as funny and "light hearted people". Jordan flew to Australia as part of a package deal program that offer

ed a culture shock course to her and other foreign nationals from other parts of the globe. For English speaking students like Jordan, they offered an introduction to Australian English. "I thought we speak the same language, we don't" says Jordan recalling the different words Australians would use.



Ringelman plays with kangaroos during her travels

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Campus News

Students on the hunt for Easter Celebration

Senior Spotlight: Catherine Tallant

By Danielle Cortes
Staff Writer

As the semester is coming to a close, some students will be back next semester, but for others, this is the last couple of weeks of their academic careers at Saint Leo University. The Lions' Pride Newspaper would like to give some of its seniors a spotlight to recognize their accomplishments from their time here at Saint Leo University.

This week's spotlight is Catherine Tallant. Catherine is graduating with a major in psychology and a minor in political science. Saint Leo University was Catherine's second choice, her first was the United States Naval Academy. Catherine was very involved in ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corp) in high school, as well as having family members who are active in the military.

She also found out recently that she was accepted in to her first choice for her doctorate schooling, Argosy University, for a doctorate in clinical psychology for family and marriage counseling. Family has always been very close to Catherine's heart and she cannot wait to help families and couples.

While at Saint Leo University, Catherine has been very active not only academically, but also with the organizations and staff on campus. Many students might know Catherine as a tutor in the Learning Resource Center (LRC), as she has helped tutor students in both psychology and criminal justice. She also worked as a supplemental instructor for law.

Catherine also presented research on cyber bullying in college at the South Eastern Psychology Association (SEPA). She has also made the Dean's List and was involved in several honor societies such as: Pi Sigma Alpha: Political Science Honor Society, Phi Gamma Mu: Social Science Honor Society, Psi Chi: Psychology Honor Society, and Society of Leadership and Success.

Catherine also belonged to several other organizations on campus which include: Samaritans Senator for two years, Psychology Club, and Research Club. Catherine is also an active member of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority and has held the following positions during her time here at Saint Leo: Vice President, Education, Alumnae Relations, Sisterhood, Awards and Accredidations, and Treasurer Assistant.

It is hard to dispute that Catherine has made multiple accomplishments while at Saint Leo University, and it will be no surprise when she continues to achieve great things and bring pride to those who are closest to her.

Resources for Finals Week

By Ashley Taylor
Staff Writer

As the semester winds to a close, students are getting ready for finals and worrying about whether they are going to pass them or not. So here's a small list of resources for students to access in order to succeed this semester.

First students should use the library . The library is a quiet place to study and there is coffee and tea to help one stay up late. The library staff is there to help as well.

There are also LEAP (Learning Enhancement for Academic Progress) tutors. These tutors are found in the library and are willing to schedule an appointment with students who need to study. If student's schedule an appointment, they'll be sure to be there.

Lastly, there is the Learning Resource Center (LRC) .This center comes with access to tutors. As usual, they will help students with any subject. This center has student tutors as well as professionals. Of course, one may come by appointment. Also, the staff at the LRC can help accommodate students with special learning needs.

Over all, Saint Leo University has great resources for students to use while students are preparing. for exams. Students should use these resources if they want to be successful this semester.

Arts & Entertainment

Itunes... Is it the end of an era?

The music download war between Spotify and Itunes

By Danielle Ferguson
Staff Writer

"This weekend I finally got out of an abusive relationship that had worn me down unceasingly for over eight years. Weak man that I am, I was only able to leave my tormentor because I have found a new partner, one who won't frustrate or anger me or guard all of my things closely like a paranoid-obsessive. My new consort is nothing at all like my old one: readily adaptable, easygoing, eager to please. I want to tell the world about her and praise her from the mountaintops: a dark-skinned beauty from Sweden, her name is Spotify, and now that we've hooked up, I never want to see that dingbat iTunes again."

Did the new Spotify ad campaign grab your attention? Want to know what the fuss about Spotify is really about and the verdict against iTunes? Look no further.

Until recently, if you used an iPhone, iPad, or iPod, you were pretty much locked in to Apple's music player software, but thanks to a few new iOS features and the streaming music service known as Spotify, using itunes is now only a minor option. However the real question lies with what's the verdict. Should we ditch itunes for good and move on to the likes of Spotify or even Pandora or should we remain faithful to a service that's done us well over the past decade? Only one way to find out- read on and find out the scoop across campus.

So what exactly is Spotify? In basic terms it is a Swedish music streaming service (Spotify AB) offering streaming of selected music from a range of major and independent record labels, including Sony, EMI, Warner Music Group, and Universal. According to the official website, only two years after its launch (2010 -09-15)[(March 2012)[update], the service is racking up over 3 million users and is now available in Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

The system is currently accessible using most computer software with the inclusion of Microsoft and Mac but also smart phone mobile networking with the likes of android, iphone and blackberry included. The reason for its recent boom in users is due to the six month free trial period which is activated upon initial login with a Facebook account, where a user can listen to an unlimited amount of music supported by visual and radio-style advertising. After the trial, Spotify will make tracks unavailable once they are played 5 times and has a listening limit of ten hours per month. An "Unlimited" subscription removes advertisements and time limits and a "Premium" subscription introduces extra features such as higher bitrate streaming, offline access to music and mobile app access.

Spotify made a splash when it finally came to the United States. The upstart service lets you stream music from its library of millions of tracks for free to your Windows PC or Mac, after you download a stand-alone application. Once you install Spotify's app, though, you'll quickly realize that Spotify wants to be more than just a streaming music service like Pandora. It wants to be your iTunes replacement. The genius surrounding the 'new kid on the block- Spotify' is that when you open the application for the first time, Spotify automatically imports your iTunes library, so you can listen to your own music in addition to the millions of songs Spotify offers via streaming all from one program. Although that sounds great this is actually where the student feedback across campus came into play with one student, Stefan Lee, stating, " Spotify use this aspect to gain an advantage yet in reality this is highly annoying in practice as, if like me, if you still use iTunes to sync your phone or tablet instead of having just one music app, you're forced to switch between Spotify for playing music and iTunes for syncing devices."

Another student Justine Velasquez also commented on Spotify, "Personally I don't get what the whole hype surrounding it is about. I mean I get that Spotify doesn't appear to be nearly the resource hog that iTunes is seeing as iTunes takes up so much more memory and makes heavier use of the processor than Spotify but realistically Spotify can't do everything just yet so therefore still isn't a total iTunes replacement."

On a neutral viewpoint another student Kurt Kepshire expressed his opinion by stating, "I'm all for Spotify and Pandora but iTunes is still the best bet for syncing large video files to the iPad or iPhone. I can't imagine going 100 percent iTunes free but it has to be said that Spotify, when it comes to it, is the best iTunes alternative. The only major complaint I really have with the new system is the program's interface which is not nearly as easy to browse and organize songs via.

Overall the general consensus across campus was mixed views surrounding the actual replacement of iTunes in entirety through Spotify. It seems to be lacking in some vital qualities that make iTunes so unique to its users e.g its synching device system. It can most likely be predicted that within a few years Spotify will have reached the service quality that pertains iTunes however by this time Apple will undoubtedly have an entire new edition of the former iTunes.

A Pleasant Surprise

By Austin Healey
Staff Writer

1. "Jhazmyne's Lullaby"
   7 Angels 7 Plagues
   Jhazmyne's Lullaby
2. "Louder Than Thunder"
   The Devil Wears Prada
   With Roots Above and Branches Below
3. "A Toast to the Future Kids!"
   Emarosa
   Emarosa
4. "Unstoppable"
   Foxy Shazam
   Foxy Shazam
5. "If It Means a Lot to You"
   A Day to Remember
   Homesick
6. "A Night at the Spleen"
   Closure in Moscow
   First Temple
7. "Hopes Anchor"
   The Color Morale
   We All Have Demons
8. "If You Can't Hang..."
   Sleeping with Sirens
   Let's Cheers to This
9. "Black Infinity"
   Epica
   Consign to Oblivion
10. "This Is the End (For You're my Friend)"
    Anti-Flag
    For Blood and Empire

Upcoming Events

Super Secret Show

By Austin Healey
Staff Writer

Come see the Super Secret Friday the 13th Acoustic Showcase hosted by Justin Paulauskis in support of WSLU radio. The show will take place tonight, April 13th, from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm just outside the School of Business. Justin will be performing alongside the talents of other students, professors, custodians, other St. Leo faculty, and you. No hints from Justin on the set list or any songs to expect, but prepare yourself for a spectacular finale. Also, bring a tee shirt for a free spray painting to show your support for WSLU radio. So get to the School of Business tonight at 7:00 pm for an unanticipated showcase of talents.

Mini Carnival

By Brooke King
Entertainment Editor

Come one, come all! Now at Wiregrass Mall is a mini carnival you won't want to miss. It has everything from a lite up ferris wheel to the turbo charged spinner. The mini carnival features many of the usual carnival food: funnel cake, lemonade, and cotton candy. Located near the front enterance to Wiregrass Mall, the carnival is open from 5pm-11pm and will be in town until April 15th. So, if you're looking for something fun and care free to to do, stop by Wiregrass Mall and enjoy the carnival.

The U.S. Poet Laureate, Phillip Levine, visits Saint Leo

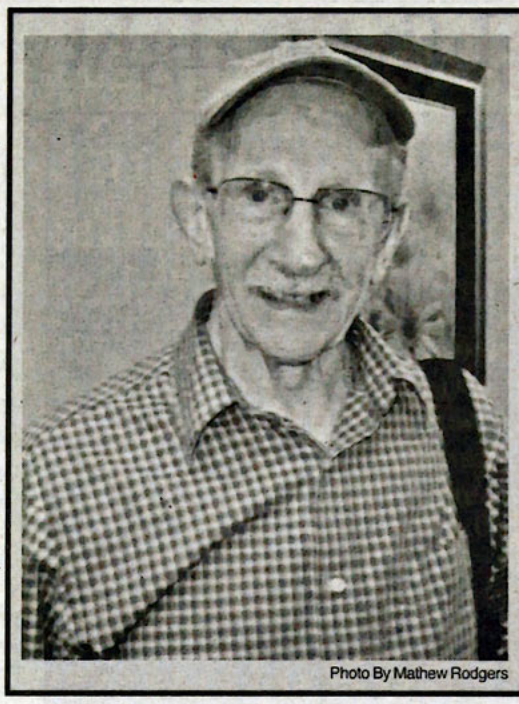
By Mathew Rodgers
Copy Editor

On Monday, April 9, the U.S. Poet Laureate for 2011-2012, Philip Levine, visited Saint Leo University to give a poetry reading in the Greenfelder-Denlinger Boardrooms. This event was sponsored by the Department of English, Fine Arts and the Humanities as well as the Cannon-Memorial Library and Student Services. Members of Sigma Tau Delta, the English honor society, acted as ushers and greeters.

The presentation opened with a musical performance by Pamela Hill Epps, saxophone, and Sam Koppelman, vibraphone, as the audience took their seats. After everyone was situated there was a quick video from www.cortlandreview.com which featured Levine as he talked about Brooklyn. Levine, being a poet, talked about Walt Whitman and the historical significance that Whitman has in Brooklyn. After the video Levine was invited onto the stage and he began talking to the audience.

While on stage, Levine talked about the art of writing poetry, and told stories as to what inspired him. Levine opened with a poem titled "The Poem of Chalk", a poem that was inspired by a walk he took one day (walking being the cheapest form of entertain), and then moved on from there to read other poems including "Our Reds", which was in memory of the "Reds" that were in college with him ("Red" being the title given to all people with leftist political ideologies), and "Gospel", a poem inspired by a trip he took to the Sierra Nevada mountain range. Levine also talked about the influence that jazz has had on him claiming that "one of the great riches has been music". Earlier, in the video, he had spoken of how the album Going Home (by Archie Shepp and Horace Parlan) had been a huge inspiration to him and allowed him to create an undisturbed working environment, as his kids were often noisy while he was writing. While on the subject of music Levine read a poem entitled "Songs", dedicating his reading to the musicians who performed earlier, and saying that the poem was inspired by Billie Holiday and a concert he attended of hers some time ago.

As far as poetry was concerned, Levine was modest about his multiple awards, invoking the idea that becoming a Pulitzer Prize winner or the Poet Laureate doesn't make anyone a better of poet than they were before receiving the award or honor. Although he did state that his mother used his Pulitzer prize to brag, and that he could only imagine what she would say about him being the Poet Laureate if she were still alive, "My son is the Poet Laureate, what has your son done?" he stated in a joking manner . Levine did not think that there was a secret to being a successful poet and stated that "It's all luck". When questioned about what he was trying to accomplish through his poetry Levine stated "My aim is to write well" and then went on to explain how rational intelligence does not factor into his poetry as it "is subservient to my emotion". One of the audience members asked Levine what he thought makes a good poem, "A good poet" he answered. Levine also stated that not every poem he writes is good, but rather "most poems are bad", a rule, which in his opinion, does not only apply to his own poetry, but poetry in general. He compared writing poetry to a batting average, and the idea that most the time when a player swings the bat it is not a homerun. Growing up during a time when anti-Semitism was rampant, Levine was also questioned by one of the audience members about his feelings toward Father Coughlin, who was an anti-Semite radio host during the 1930's, Levine obviously regarded Coughlin with disdain, expressing the fact that he did not miss the controversial radio broadcaster at all. After Levine finished reading poetry and answering questions there was a book signing in the Donald R. Tapia School of Business, where copies of his books were being sold in the lobby



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Biography:

Levine, who is now age 84 has won multiple awards including the Pulitzer Prize for his work The Simple Truth and the National Book Award for his collection What Work Is. Growing up in industrial Detroit, Levine was the son of Jewish immigrants Harry and Esther Levine and was one of three boys, including his identical twin brother. Levine started working in an auto plant at the age of 14 and graduated from Detroit Central High School in 1946. As a poet he expresses the experience of the working class, as well as the experiences of Jewish immigrant families. Levine has authored 21 collections of poetry and published both essays, and translations of existing works. Levine has taught in the English Department of California State University and various other universities. Levine and his wife currently spend half the year in Brooklyn, N.Y. and the other half of

Wrath of the Titans

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Did you ever see a movie and realize that the only reason you went to see it was because it had gnarly actions scenes? While Wrath of the Titans was a good action movie, the plot left something to be desired. It is the sequel to *Clash of the Titans*, an equally horrible movie in terms of plot and character development. While the cast is quite impressive in terms of acting chops, there is not any real acting happening, unless you count fighting with swords acting. The film has very little going for it, but the same cast, plus a few new faces.

The *Wrath of the Titans* film opens up a decade after Perseus- the demigod son of Zeus- (Sam Worthington) defeated the Kraken. Perseus is trying to live a peaceful life as a village fisherman and is a single parent to his 10-year old son, Helius. While there is mention of Helius's mother, there is never an appearance nor flashback to show how Perseus' son came to be.

However, while Perseus tries to live a good life, a struggle for power has begun to rage on between the gods, who are weakened by humanity's lack of devotion to them. Realizing that their immortality is running out and that soon they will be too weak to control the imprisoned Titan, Kronos, the gods, Zeus, Poseidon, Hades and Ares meet to decide on a course of action. When they meet, Ares and Hades betray Zeus and Poseidon, capturing Zeus to feed his life energy to Kronos.

Perseus who realizes that the world is going to hell, after his village is attacked by a rampaging chimera, decides that the monsters that are allied with the Titans have no interest in human life and that he must do something to insure his son's future. To battle the oncoming monsters and save humanity, Perseus rides his winged-horse, Pegasus, to team up with warrior Queen Andromeda (Rosamund Pike), Poseidon's demigod son Agenor (Toby Kebbell), and fallen god Hephaestus (Bill Nighly) to embark on a quest into the underworld to save Zeus and slay some monsters.

Jonathan Liebesman directs the film from a screenplay by Dan Mazeau, David Leslie Johnson and Steven Knight. The movie is visually impressive, but the Imax, 3D, and HD digital projections, really only serve the purpose of being able to view the awful acting in more lifelike ways. While the visual effects are more spectacular than the last film, *The Clash of the Titans*, the acting and the plot leave this film very poorly put together. The unfortunate casualty in this film is Rosamund Pike, who usually makes good decisions when it comes to film choices. I suspect that even she is cringing at the horrible film that she had a part in making. Despite the action scenes and special effects, I still cannot stop thinking about Sam Worthington's horrible mullet and Aussie cover up accent. I know this film isn't for everyone as most of its audience will be there because they want to watch a two-headed dragon level a forest or a gigantic Cyclops destroy a village. Yet, if you are like me and enjoy a good film, go see *The Artist* instead. This is certainly a film for people who are only going to see it for its action sequences, dudes with mullets, and blond chicks wielding swords.

Sports

Lions Softball Loses Eighth Straight

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The Saint Leo University Lions softball team has been swept in two consecutive conference series. The Lions got swept in a three game series by Nova Southeastern University and followed it up over Easter weekend by getting swept by Florida Tech at home. The losses move the Lions record to 17-28 on the year and 2-13 in Sunshine State Conference play. The Lions lost 3-2 and 5-1 on Thursday night and got beat 10-2 on Friday making it their eighth loss in a row.

"The weekend was disappointing", said head coach John Conway after the Lions pair of losses to Nova Southeastern on April 1. "We didn't come out to play this weekend. Nova came in and made good plays, made pitches when they needed to, and had good hits and timely hits. We didn't have a good approach at the plate today and our pitchers didn't make good pitches when they needed to. That was the biggest difference, they made all their plays and we struggled today."

It has truly been a choppy and unpredictable season for the Lions who have seen moments of brilliance and moments of shakiness. Conway's squad started the year 12-6 with wins over No. 2 North Georgia and No. 25 Flagler but has since spiraled out of control. The Lions have now lost 14 of their last 15 and are in eighth place in the conference with 11 games remaining on the schedule.

Photo by Taylor McGillis

Alex Garris bats agianst Nova

Photo by Taylor McGillis

On the up and down season senior third baseman Danielle Moreda provided some thoughts. "We have had a tough schedule and faced some really good competition and we were able to have some success against some of those teams (beating two top 25 teams). Lately we have just been making too many errors and not hitting the way that we are capable of and the way that we were at the beginning of the season when we were winning games. But we seem to be getting back on track with both of those things and we're looking to end the season on a strong note with as many wins as we can."

It will be a difficult final stretch of games for the team with nine of their last 11 being against SSC competition. However two of the three remaining conference series are against Eckerd and Lynn, two of the weaker teams in the conference this year.

The team will play its next six games on the road with three this weekend at Rollins followed up with three games at Eckerd the following week.

Bubba Watson Wins the Masters

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Bagdad, Fla. native Bubba Watson won the 2012 Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta, Ga. over the weekend beating South African Louis Oosthuizen in a two hole playoff. The pair was tied after both players pared the 18th hole and remained at 10-under.

After both pared the 18th again on the first hole of the playoff, on hole No. 10 Watson hit his tee shot well into the woods putting Oosthuizen in great position to win the hole. But Watson followed up his disastrous tee shot with a brilliant one. With only a narrow window to work with and his Masters hopes on the line, Watson struck the ball beautifully, hooking it just enough to land it on the green. Oosthuizen then missed a difficult putt that would have saved par which set up Watson's eventual tap in for the win.

Also in final round of play on Sunday one of the most rare feats in sports happened on the second hole par-five when runner up Oosthuizen scored a double-eagle. Four double-eagles have been recorded in Masters history and only 16 in the four majors combined. Also worth noting is that the odds of hitting a hole in one is 40,000 to one and the odds of getting a double-eagle is 1,000,000 to one.

Watson's win continues the pattern of a different golfer winning a major championship. He became the 13th different golfer to win in the last 13 major championships. With the win Watson earned $1.44 million which is ten percent of his 12-year career earnings of $14.1 million.

Notable players: Phil Mickelson, T-3rd place; Tiger Woods, T-40th; Rory McIlroy, T-40th

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Weekends Games

Friday April 13	Saturday April 14
Baseball at Florida Tech 6pm	Baseball at Florida Tech 1pm and 4pm
Softball at Rollins 7pm	Tennis vs Embry-Riddle 1pm
Womens' Lacrosse vs. Newberry 7pm	Softball at Rollins 1pm and 3pm